

STATE OF TEXAS §  
COUNTIES OF ARANSAS §  
SAN PATRICIO AND NUECES §  
CITY OF ARANSAS PASS §

On this the 7th day of June, 2010 the City Council of the City of Aransas Pass convened in a Regular Council Meeting being open to the Public at the regular meeting place thereof in the City Hall and notice of said meeting giving the time, place, date and subject hereof having been posted and prescribed by Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code with the following attendance to wit constituting a quorum.

PRESENT:	Tommy Knight,	Mayor
	Vickie Abrego,	Mayor Pro Tempore
	Jay Attaway	Council Member
	Phillip Hyatt	Council Member

ABSENT:	Karen Mayer	Council Member
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ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL PRESENT:	Reggie Winters,	City Manager
	Allen Lawrence,	City Attorney
	Yvonne Stonebraker	City Secretary

ADMINISTRATIVE  
PERSONNEL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:	Earl Buckmaster	Harbor Master
	Paul Alvarado	Public Works Director

OTHERS PRESENT: Sandy Kubek, Patrick Collins, Amy Collins, Richard Gonzales, Don & Jeanie Brummett, Jim & Alpha Covington, Ernie Torres, Olivia Torres, Marilyn Rimer/Herald, Ismael Soto/TxDOT, Ellie Block, Tom Morse, Dorothy Morse, Jeanne Hunter, Carsten Meyers, Eva Young, Capt. And Mrs. Tom Doran, Brenda McElwee, Phil Reynolds, Rodney Benson, Nancy Allen, Phil Cary/Progress, Rosemary Vega and Collette Walls/Chamber of Commerce, Margaret Strickhausen, and Cy Pratt.

*There may have been others present who did not sign in.*

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**

Mayor Knight called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 7, 2010.

**2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES FLAG.**

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego gave the invocation. Mayor Knight led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

3. **OATH OF OFFICE AND SWEARING IN ELECTED OFFICIAL COUNCIL MEMBER PLACE 2, ROSS MCELWEE BY CITY ATTORNEY ALLEN LAWRENCE.**

City Attorney Allen Lawrence gave the Oath of Office and swore in Council Member Place 2, Ross McElwee.

4. **PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF ELECTED OFFICE, ROSS MCELWEE BY MAYOR KNIGHT AND SEATING IN HIS PLACE.**

Mayor Knight presented Council Member Place 2, Ross McElwee with his Certificate of Election and Seated him in his Place.

5. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING THE MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2010.**

Council Member Attaway made a motion to approve the minutes of May 17, 2010. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

6. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVING A LEASE PROPOSAL FOR CY PRATT AND MARGARET STRICKHAUSEN.**

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego made a motion to deny a lease proposal for Cy Pratt and Margaret Strickhausen until the one year moratorium for long term leases have been lifted. Council Member Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

7. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF AN ILLUMINATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ARANSAS PASS AND TXDOT.**

City Manager Winters stated TxDot would supply all material and install all street lights. The City will maintain the street lights and pay all electrical costs.

Mr. Ismael Soto from TxDOT stated TxDOT would install the street lights on W. Wheeler Avenue from S. 7<sup>th</sup> to FM 1069. He stated the street lights would be approximately 150', would take about 3 months to receive all parts and should be in place by winter.

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego made a motion to approve an illumination agreement between the City of Aransas Pass and TxDOT. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

8. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON A PROPOSAL TO SPONSOR THE OWNERS TOURNAMENT SET FOR JUNE 19, 2010 ON CONN BROWN HARBOR USING HOTEL/MOTEL TAX MONEY NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000.00.**

City Manager Winters stated the Bass Pro Shop Boat Owners Association was holding the fishing tournament. He stated the Association is predicting approximately 200 boat owners to enter with a total crowd between 600-700 people.

Council Member Attaway made a motion to approve sponsoring the Owners Tournament for June 19, 2010 on Conn Brown Harbor using Hotel/Motel tax money not to exceed \$3,000.00. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

9. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE REQUEST OF AMY COLLINS, SALVATION ARMY, TO**

**UTILIZE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 200 E. JOHNSON (SHRIMPOREE GROUNDS) FOR A "BACK TO SCHOOL BASH".**

Mr. Collins, Amy Collins father, stated the "Back to School Bash" was incorporated in 1994. He stated local businesses and churches were involved (using big round collection boxes). He stated admission price for the Back to School Bash would be a school supply.

Council Member Attaway made a motion to approve the request of Amy Collins, Salvation Army, to utilize the property located at 200 E. Johnson (Shrimporee Grounds) for a "Back to School Bash" with the condition of purchasing liability insurance. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**10. CONSIDER AND ACT ON THE REQUEST OF RODNEY BENSON, JIM-JIM'S WATER-ICE, FOR A CONTRACT FOR TEMPORARY CONCESSIONS LOCATED AT THE AQUATIC CENTER.**

Mayor Knight asked Mr. Benson if he wanted to set up temporary concessions at the Aquatic Center from June 7<sup>th</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> and will pay the City \$250.00 a week?

Mr. Benson stated yes.

City Attorney Allen Lawrence stated the contract read Mr. Benson would pay the City \$1,000.00 payable over four (4) weekly payments of \$250.00.

Mr. Benson stated the contract would need to be corrected.

Mr. Benson gave a brief description of the water-ice and its origin.

City Manager Winters stated he had a couple of concerns with Mr. Benson's request. He stated by letting one vendor operate on City property would create a precedent and would also affect the Aquatic Centers concession sales.

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego stated Mr. Benson should present this request to the Aransas Pass Municipal Development District since they are the Board responsible for paying the Aquatic Center's deficit.

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego made a motion to table the request of Rodney Benson, Jim Jim's Water-Ice, for a contract for temporary concessions located at the Aquatic Center. Council Member Attaway seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**11. CONSIDER AND ACT ON A REQUEST FROM CAPT. TOM DORAN OF HANDSOME SAILOR YACHT CHARTERS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A WATER TAP FEE.**

Captain Doran of Handsome Sailor Yacht Charters stated having water set up at his business was an improvement and he should be reimbursed for the \$500.00 tap fee. He stated there had been water at his place and thought it may have come from the old JBS site.

City Manager Winters stated Captain Doran had been receiving water from either the JBS site or the Ericson and Jenson Seafood Packers business. He stated Capt. Doran's water supply had been terminated from its original site so the City had to go in and dig up the main to install the tap and meter.

Council Member McElwee stated having fresh water available, on the Gulf Coast, would be an improvement to your business.

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego stated every citizen who taps into the City's water main has to pay a tap fee.

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego made a motion to deny the request from Capt. Tom Doran of Handsome Sailor Yacht Charters for reimbursement of a \$500.00 water tap fee. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried with Council Member McElwee stating no.

12. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON AUTHORIZING TAX RE-SALES BY BIDDER LEE J. SCHMITT FROM LANCASTER, TEXAS:**

	<b><u>Legal Description</u></b>	<b><u>Amount of Bid</u></b>
A.	Lots 20-22, Block 442	\$1,000.00
B.	Lots 28-30, Block 571(G)	\$1,500.00
C.	Lots 22-24, Block 655	\$ 275.00
D.	Lot 14, Block 684	\$ 320.00
E.	Lot 5, Block 685	\$ 320.00
F.	Lots 10-12, Block 685	\$1,000.00
G.	Lots 24 & 27, Block 685	\$ 175.00
H.	Lot 2, Block 687	\$ 100.00

Mayor Knight stated Lot 20-22, Block 442 was located on South Rife Street, Lots 28-30, Block 571(G) was located on South Euclid Street and the rest of the legal descriptions were located on the flats by the sea wall on Conn Brown Harbor. He stated those properties were not for sale.

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego stated those properties should have been taken off the tax resale list a while back.

The Council had a brief discussion with City Attorney Allen Lawrence and asked him to research the possibility of the City forgiving the interest accumulated on the liens.

City Attorney Allen Lawrence asked if City Manager Winters could contact the Aransas Pass School District and San Patricio County to see if the City could acquire properties C-H and to put the properties in the City of Aransas Pass' name.

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego asked if City Manager Winters could research the rest of the properties located on the flats by the sea wall to see if there are anymore due to be sold for tax re-sale.

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego made a motion to table items A and B and to deny the sale of items C-H for tax re-sales by bidder Lee J. Schmitt from Lancaster, Texas. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

13. **CONSIDER AND ACT ON SETTING A DATE FOR A WORKSHOP ON CONN BROWN HARBOR DEVELOPMENT AND A PRESENTATION BY BERNT KUHLMANN.**

Mayor Pro Tem Abrego made a motion for June 17, 2010 as the date to hold a workshop on the Conn Brown Harbor development and to hear a presentation by Bernt Kuhlmann. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

14. **CITIZENS COMMENTS.**

Eva Young spoke on tax re-sale properties.

Mr. Ernie Torres wanted to thank the City for their quick response on clean up after the Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2010 storm.

15. **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.**

Council Member Attaway made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Hyatt seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knight adjourned the meeting at 7:56 P.M.

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Tommy Knight, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Yvonne Stonebraker, City Secretary